INTRODUCTION TO THE Portrait Album.

This book contains much choicer gems
Than any casket on the earth;
It holds the Portraits of our friends,—
Some who have known us from our birth;
Many to whom our warmest thanks
Are due for the advice they gave,—
Their gifts, their love, perhaps reproof;
Memory of such we'd always have.
But, haply, some who're here pourtrayed,
Have left the changing scenes of time,
To dwell among a holier throng,
To labour in a happier clime.
The thoughts of those thus brought to mind
Shall raise our aspirations high,—
Shall help us on to seek the home
That they have found beyond the sky.

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